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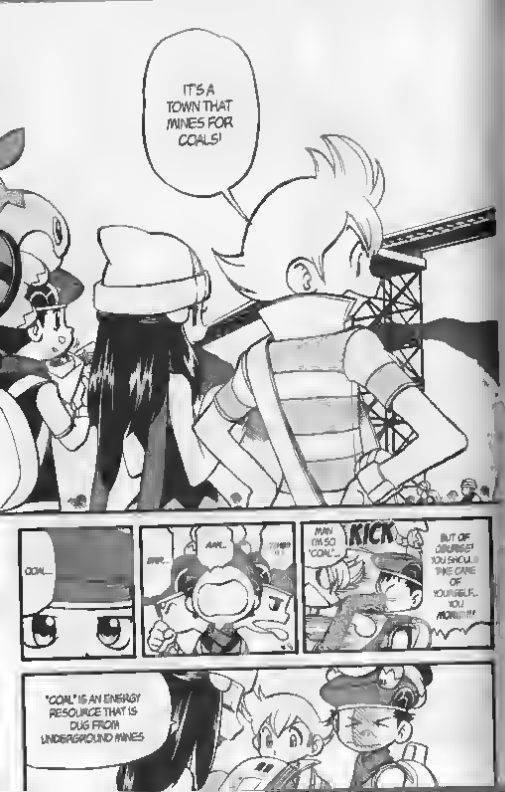
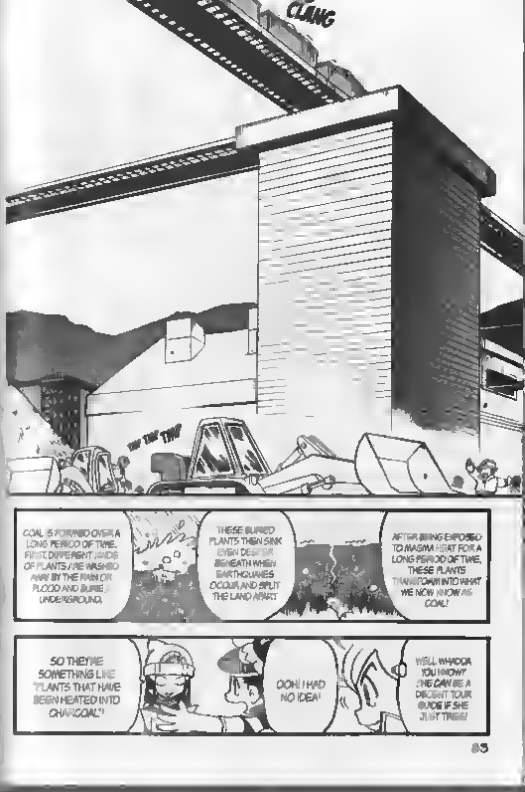
VS KRICKETOT

POCKET MONSTERS SPECIAL
the
Seventh-Chapter

OREBURGH GATE
YES!!
WE MADE IT THROUGH OREBURGH GATE!
WE'RE FINALLY AT OUR NEXT CITY!
LET ME SEE... THIS CITY...
OREBURGH CITY.
ACCORDING TO THE TOWN MAP ACQUIRED AT JUBILIFE CITY...
IT'S WRITTEN HERE THAT OREBURGH CITY IS "A COAL TOWN BLESSED BY NATURE AND OVERFLOWING WITH ENERGY."
A COAL TOWN, EH...
IT'S HOT, AT LEAST...


IT'S A TOWN THAT MINES FOR COALS!
OOH...
AHH...
YUMMY!!
MAN, I'M SO "COAL"...
KICK
BUT OF COURSE! YOU SHOULD TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF... YOU MORON!!!
"COAL" IS AN ENERGY RESOURCE THAT IS DUG FROM UNDERGROUND MINES


CLANG
VRR VRR VRRR
COAL IS FORMED OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME. FIRST, DIFFERENT KINDS OF PLANTS ARE WASHED AWAY BY THE RAIN OR FLOOD AND BURIED UNDERGROUND.
THESE BURIED PLANTS THEN SINK EVEN DEEPER BENEATH WHEN EARTHQUAKES OCCUR, AND SPLIT THE LAND APART.
AFTER BEING EXPOSED TO MAGMA HEAT FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, THESE PLANTS TRANSFORM INTO WHAT WE NOW KNOW AS COAL!
SO THEY'RE SOMETHING LIKE "PLANTS THAT HAVE BEEN HEATED INTO CHARCOAL"!
OOH! I HAD NO IDEA!
WELL, WHOA! YOU KNOW? ONE DAY, BE A DECENT TOUR GUIDE IF SHE JUST TRIES!

APPARENTLY THE MINES OF THIS TOWN GOES ALL THE WAY BENEATH THE SEA!
INCREDIBLE!
SO THERE'RE PLANTS BEING ROASTED BY MAGMA UNDER THIS GROUND...
NO WONDER IT'S SO HOT AROUND HERE.
PFFFST
EMMAH !!
AAAH!!
WHA... WHAT WAS THAT?!
HISS
HISS
SIZZLE
"A VENT THAT EXPELS THE STEAM ACCUMULATED FROM UNDERGROUND. BEWARE OF HOT AIR! ...SO IT'S WRITTEN!
THE LEAVES ON WIG'S HEAD ARE WILTING BECAUSE OF THE HEAT... YOU THIRSTY? HERE, DRINK SOME WATER...
HOFF HOFF
WHAT A SAP, PIPLUP?
PIPLUP GRUNTS SOUR
THAT THING'S A PROUD ONE.
THEY HATE BEING PITIED BY OTHER PEOPLE!
LIKE OWNER, LIKE PET, HUH?
LET US DECIDE ON OUR LODGINGS FOR TONIGHT AND CHECK IN WITHOUT FURTHER ADO!
YOU TWO, GO SCOUT FOR A PLACE WITH A GOOD ATMOSPHERE
WHAT THE...?! WHY US?!
I NEED TO DO A LOT OF RESEARCH ABOUT THE ROUTES THAT LEAD TO MT. CORONET, SO PLEASE SEE TO IT THAT WE SECURE A HOTEL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE
AND I SAID, WHY'S IT GOTTA BE US?!
BRRRMMM

PEARL! MISSY! WATCH OUT!
BUBBLE BUBBLE
BIG HIT
THAT WAS SCARY, YOU ALL RIGHT, MISSY?
YES...
THANK YOU, PIPPUN!
HEY, YELLER!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, YELLER?!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I GOTTA TELL YA NOT TO PLAY WITH THE CONTROLS OF THE MACHINES?!
WELL, IT'S MY BAD! MY BAD! MY BAD!
W...WHAT'S YELLER?
MY BAD! AH... THAT'S THE NAME OF THIS PSYDUCK TYPE...
WELL, I SWEAR THIS THING WAS BORN TO BE A HANDFUL! WELL... MY BAD 'BOUT THAT! I DON'T KNOW HOW I CAN PERPH YOU... MY BAD!

A MONKMAN WITH NO SENSE OF SOPHISTICATION WHATSOEVER...
HE SAID "WELL" FOUR TIMES...
...AND "MY BAD" SIX TIMES!
PERPH PIGHT!

YOU WISH TO PERPH US? THAT MEANS YOU'D BE WILLING TO DO ANYTHING WE REQUEST YOU TO?
IN THAT CASE, I WOULD LIKE YOU TO SHOW ME THE INSIDES OF THE MINES!
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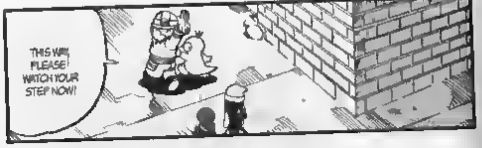
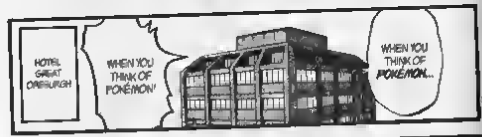
I COULD FEEL IT WHEN THE STEAM FROM THE AIR VENT WASHED OVER ME JUST NOW...
THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN READING ABOUT SOMETHING FROM A BOOK AND ACTUALLY EXPERIENCING IT IN PERSON!
IF I ENTER THE MINES, I'LL BE ABLE TO TOUCH REAL COALS.
THEY MAY EVEN LET ME DIG FOR SOME COALS MYSELF!
TOSS!
DIG!
NO! I WAS NOT
ALL I WANT DUPANTEEN WAS HOT.
THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE MINES HERE'S ROARK. HE'S NOT AROUND, SO I CAN'T LET YOU DO MUCH, BUT...
WELL, IF YOU JUST WANT A TOUR OF THE MINES, THEN THAT'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL!
AND THE WORKERS ARE HAVING A HOLLOW TOURN ANYWAY... BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU WANNA GO?
OF COURSE!

OH, REALLY? IN THAT CASE, LET'S FOLLOW HER ORDERS AND GO FIND THAT INN, DIA!
MMMMGH!
?!!
DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT I'M ALLOWED TO VISIT THE MINES BY MYSELF!
YEAH, SURE! HAVE A NICE TOUR, MISSY!
W-WAIT FOR ME, PEARL!
ARE YOU SURE WE SHOULD LET HER GO ALONE?!
WHY NOT? IT'S BETTER THAT WAY
RIGHT! WE'RE GONNA FIND A HOTEL SO GRAND AND LUXURIOUS THAT SHE'D FLIP OVER IT!
EEH?!
WE'LL PRACTICE OUR DOUBLE ACT IN A DELUXE SUITE!
EEH?!
I'M THE FUNNY MAN AND YOU'RE THE STOOGE!
EEH?!
PUT THE FOOD DOWN, ALREADY!
EEH?!
THANK GOODNESS! MY PROFESSIONAL BODYGUARDS HAVE GIVEN ME PERMISSION TO GO AHEAD!!
IT MUST BE BECAUSE THEY DON'T SEE ANYTHING DANGEROUS ABOUT ME GOING ON A TOUR OF THE MINES BY MYSELF!


THIS WAY, PLEASE! WATCH YOUR STEP NOW!


HOTEL GREAT OMBURGH
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON...

THE BEST PART OF TRAINING POKÉMON IS THEIR "EVOLUTION"!
YOU DON'T SAY!
IT'S GOOD EXCITING TO WATCH THEM BECOME STRONGER AND EVOLVE INTO NEW FORMS!
OH!
IT'S LIKE A REVOLUTION OF CONFUSION.
YOU'RE THE CONFUSED ONE HERE!
SMACK
THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF EVOLUTION, RIGHT?
MACHOP EVOLVES INTO MACHOKE, AND MACHOKE EVOLVES INTO GOLDUCK!
SANTY EVOLVES INTO MANTINE!
CLEFAIRY INTO CLEFABLE. PICHU INTO PIKACHU!
TENTACOOL INTO TENTACRUEL.
OH, YES! LET'S KEEP SOME PAMPAS INTO HEAD-ANIMAL!
RICE BALLS INTO FRIED RICE BALLS! BUCKWHEAT NOODLES INTO FRIED BUCKWHEAT NOODLES!
FOOD DOESN'T EVOLVE, YOU NINNY!
SMACK

OKAY, DIA! LET'S TRY THAT AGAIN!
SURE...
BUT DOESN'T IT FEEL KINDA SAD? ALL THE POKÉMON ARE TAKING A SIESTA...
BESIDES... ARE WE REALLY STAYING IN THIS AWESOME HOTEL TONIGHT?
IT'S FINE! THE GUIDE IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN CHARGE OF THE TRAVEL BUDGET, RIGHT? SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE ASKED US TO LOOK FOR A HOTEL IF SHE'S GOING TO COMPLAIN!

ALL THAT ASIDE... I STILL FEEL WE SHOULD'VE FOLLOWED MISSY TO THE MINES...
SHE WAS THE ONE WHO WANTED TO GO, Y'KNOW.
SINCE SHE DIDN'T INVITE US, IT'D BE STRANGE IF WE TAGGED ALONG WOULDN'T IT?

BUT DON'T YOU THINK MISSY HAS THIS TENDENCY TO FALL INTO THE "DAMSEL IN DISTRESS" ROLE?
REMEMBER THE SWABLES THE ROOPS AND THE LUMO?
SWABLE
I THINK THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE SHE MIGHT MEET UP WITH SOMETHING SIMILAR AGAIN...
I SAY, DIA... NO, I MEAN DIAMOND!

EVEN IF SHE DOES...
DON'T FORGET THAT SHE HAS POKéMON WITH HER AS WELL! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A PIPLUP WHO STOPPED A BULLDOZER WITH A MERE "BUBBLE" ATTACK!
THAT PIPLUP WAS HOLDING HER OWN STRENGTH ALL THIS TIME.
OH YEAH... SHE HADN'T BEEN DOING ANYTHING IN THE BATTLES WE'VE ENCOUNTERED SO FAR...
THAT THING'S GOTTA BE A LOT MORE RELIABLE THAN US!
SO LIKE I SAID... ...THERE'S NO NEED FOR US TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING!
FLIP FLIP FLIP
WEELLL, MY BAD! MY BAD!
THE COAL MINE IS LOCATED SOUTH OF OREBURGH TOWNNN!
HUH? CHAMIKO IS MIMICKING THE SPEECH PATTERN OF THAT MINER JUST NOW!
AAH!!
MY BAD! MY BAD!
OH, I GET IT! YOU MADE CHAMIKO MEMORISE MISSY'S LOCATION SO THAT WE CAN RUSH THERE QUICKLY IN CASE ANYTHING HAPPENS!!
I DID NOT!!

I...I WAS GOING TO MAKE SOME QUIPS ABOUT COAL MINES IN OUR NEXT DOUBLE ACT SO...
YOU KNOW, I NEEDED INSPIRATION AND STUFF...
AAAGH!! NOTHING BEATS SEEING THE REAL THING WITH OUR OWN EYES! CHAMIKO! BRING US TO THE MINES!
STOP
WAKE UP! CHAMIKO! LET'S GO!!
AND THIS IS THE "SHEAR HEAP"!
A HEAP OF SOIL THAT WAS DUG OUT IN THE PROCESS OF MINING FOR COAL!
OH, BY THE WAY THE PEOPLE OF HOENN CALL IT THE "COAL WASTE HEAP" FOR SOME REASON... LITTLE TRIVIA FOR YOU THERE!
WOW, IT'S SO AMAZING
WELL, MY BAD, MY BAD! DO YOU FIND THIS TOUR INTERESTING AT ALL?
YES! VERY MUCH INDEED !!
WELL THEN... WE SHOULD HAVE SEEN ALMOST EVERYTHING BY NOW...
CLANNGG

OH...
WHAT'S THAT CAVE SUPPOSED TO BE?
OH, THAT? NOTHIN' WORTH SEEIN', REALLY...
THIS IS WHERE THE FORE-IGN...
WOOSH
AH!!
THAT YELLOW THING... NOT AGAIN!
WHOOSH
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
CHIRP CHIRP
I WONDER WHAT THAT IS...
CHIRP CHIRP
IT SOUNDS SO BEAUTIFUL...
CHIRP CHIRP
JUST A LITTLE...

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
KYAH!!
JUMP
SLAM!

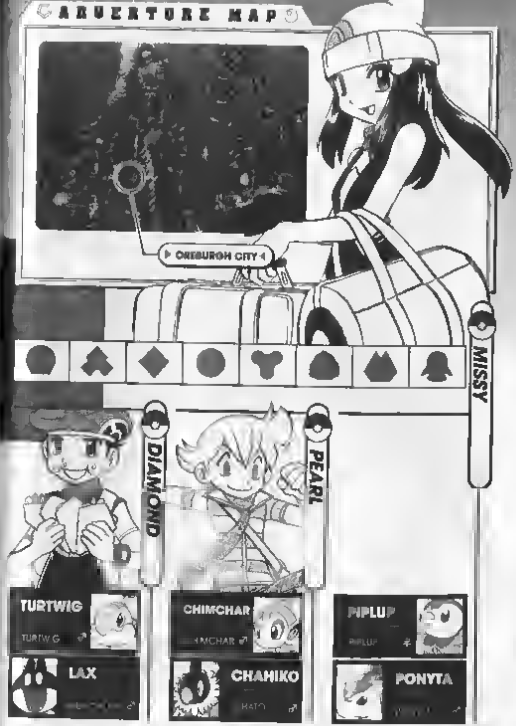
IS THIS IT CHAHHO?!
"
HOLD IT CHAHHO! CHAHHO!
GRAB
THE BATTLE
IS OVER!
FLOP

SHE DEFEATED THE WRIGGLETOT ALL BY HERSELF?
GREAT JOB!
YES... I THINK SO TOO...
MAYBE THAT'S WHY SHE SUDDENLY BECAME SO FIRED UP AFTER WE ARRIVED HERE...
I BROUGHT HER ALONG BECAUSE I WAS ASKED TO OBSERVE HER GROWTH IN THE COURSE OF MY JOURNEY, BUT... I GUESS THE PIPLUP HAD HER OWN INSTINCTIVE DESIRE AS WELL...?
MISSY, THIS PIPLUP...
...WAS PROBABLY BOTHERED THAT SHE WASN'T ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE BATTLES WE HAD ENCOUNTERED SO FAR.
SHOVE
OH DEAR! WELL, YOU CAME INTO THE CAVE AND BATTLED HERE? MY BAD!
MR. FOREMAN
WHAT IS THIS CAVE ANYWAY?
IT WAS ROARK'S IDEA!
HE WANTED THE MINES TO BE BOTH A PLACE FOR DIGGING FOR COAL AS WELL AS A PLACE FOR TRAINING POKÉMON!

NO WONDER! THESE GUYS WERE JUST ITCHING FOR A FIGHT! I BET THEY THOUGHT MISSY AND PIPLUP WERE THEIR NEW TRAINING DUMMIES!
PIPLUP MAY HAVE STOPPED A BULLDOZER IN ITS TRACKS, BUT SHE'S NO MATCH FOR THESE WILL-TRAINED MACHETUTI!
BUT...
NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON...
...IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT PIPLUP'S PRIDE HAS BEEN DEEPLY WOUNDED...
I HAVE TO TRY TO HELP HER REGAIN HER SELF-RESPECT!
WELL... HOW ABOUT CHALLENGING THE POKÉMON GYM, THEN?
POKÉMON GYM? WHAT'S THAT?
HUH? YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT A GYM IS?
GYM
POKÉMON GYMS ARE OFFICIAL AGENCIES THAT NURTURE UP AND COMING POKÉMON TRAINERS. IT'S A SYSTEM WHERE GYM LEADERS MEASURE THE ABILITIES OF NORMAL TRAINERS WHO CHALLENGE THEM.
IF THE GYM LEADER ACKNOWLEDGES THE CHALLENGER'S ABILITIES...
OF COURSE! THAT MAY BE ABLE TO HELP PIPLUP OVERCOME HER INSECURITY!
HOW ABOUT IT, PIPLUP?
STAND
GREAT! LET'S RETURN TO THE HOTEL FOR NOW THEN. WHICH HOTEL ARE WE STAYING IN TONIGHT?
EHM...
WELL... MUMBLE MUMBLE...
YES?
THE SUPER CELEB SUITE ROOM OF HOTEL GREAT OVERLORD!
WHAT?!
THAT'S SUCH A PLAIN AND LOW-KEY BUDGET HOTEL...
WHAAT?!
WELL, SUPPOSE THAT MUST BE BECAUSE IT'S HARD TO ENVISION THEM HERE...
ALL STAFF, PLEASE ASSEMBLE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE INN!

ROARK'S BACK!!

PEARL! INSIGI!
WHERE ARE YOU!!


ADVENTURE MAP
OREBURGH CITY
MISSY
DIAMOND
PEARL
TURTWIG
LAX
CHIMCHAR
CHAMIKO
PIPLUP
PONYTA